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1. It has been reported that the Central Committee of the Argentine Communist Party (CPA) is meeting every two weeks, on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, and that the Party's Executive Committee is meeting weekly on Friday nights.
2. At the Executive Committee meeting held on 4 March 1949, the world situation was analyzed and a manifesto was drafted reiterating the Party's stand in defense of the Soviet and appealing for a united fight against the "imperialistic" policies of the United States. The situation of the Communist publications La Hora and Orientacion, which have not appeared in their normal form since the beginning of the printers' strike about a month ago, was also discussed.
3. Paulino Gonzalez Alberdi, prominent Communist propagandist and a director of La Hora, reportedly told the Executive Committee that the printing shop of the newspaper Noticias Graficas, where La Hora and Orientacion had been printed in the past, had refused to continue publishing these papers. The manager of Noticias Graficas suddenly refused, without any explanation, to print La Hora. This refusal was thought to have been motivated by political reasons since Noticias Graficas is one of the dependencies of Alca, the publishing house controlled by prominent Peronista personalities. Gonzalez Alberdi further informed the Committee that efforts had been made to have La Hora printed by other shops, including La Argentina, S.A., without success.
4. Although La Hora has been appearing as a crudely made-up four-page sheet, it is believed that it may have to cease publication because of the following factors:
 - a. Most of the newspaper printing shops in Buenos Aires have been advised by the government that it would be unwise for them to print La Hora. With none of the larger shops willing to take a risk, La Hora can be printed only by small, ill-equipped shops in need of money.
 - b. La Hora has no newsprint and is having great difficulty getting any. When La Hora's editors appealed to Martin Raduj, Polish Communist and

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head of the Polish firm RECOMIN, to obtain newsprint from Poland, he refused the request for only 300 tons because he feared that he and his firm might fall into the bad graces of the Peron government. Instead, Raduj has offered to obtain 3000 tons of newsprint from Poland for the Peronista press.

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